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SUBJECT: TOROMANOV ASSIGNED BULGARIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON

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1. DURING MEETING WITH U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVES (REFTEL), FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER FOREIGN TRADE LUKANOV ANNOUNCED THAT GEORGI ASENOV TOROMANOV WOULD BE TAKING UP DUTIES SHORTLY AS SENIOR ECONOMIC OFFICER BULGARIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON. LUKANOV NOTED THAT TOROMANOV WOULD BE KEY MAN IN IMPROVING BILATERAL ECONOMIC CONTACTS. TOROMANOV CURRENTLY IS CHIEF OVERSEAS SECTION (US, CANADA, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND) IN MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE.

2. COMMENT: TOROMANOV, WHO ACCOMPANIED LUKANOV ON JULY 1973 VISIT TO U.S, IS BRIGHT AND ENERGETIC YOUNG MAN WHO OBVIOUSLY HAS LUKANOV'S CONFIDENCE AND WAS PROBABLY HAND PICKED FOR JOB. BORN 1937 TOROMANOV SERVED AS COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT IN CONSULATE SYDNEY 1965-1969 AND SPEAKS EXCELLENT, COLLOQUIAL ENGLISH. AS RESULT OF LANGUAGE ABILITY AND INNATE CONFIDENCE, HE IS AT EASE WITH AMERICANS AND NEVER RAISES IDEOLOGICAL POINTS OF VIEW. IT HAS BEEN EMBASSY'S EX-

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PERIENCE THAT TOROMANOV HAS MADE GENUINE EFFORT TO

IMPROVE TRADE RELATIONS AND MAY, TO SOME EXTENT, HAVE
A CAREER INTEREST IN BEING IDENTIFIED WITH DETENTE
ATMOSPHERE. IN ANY EVENT, WE ASSUME THAT TOROMANOV
WILL PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN DEALING WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES, AS WELL AS U.S. BUSINESS LEADERS.
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